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GIANTS AND PYGMIES

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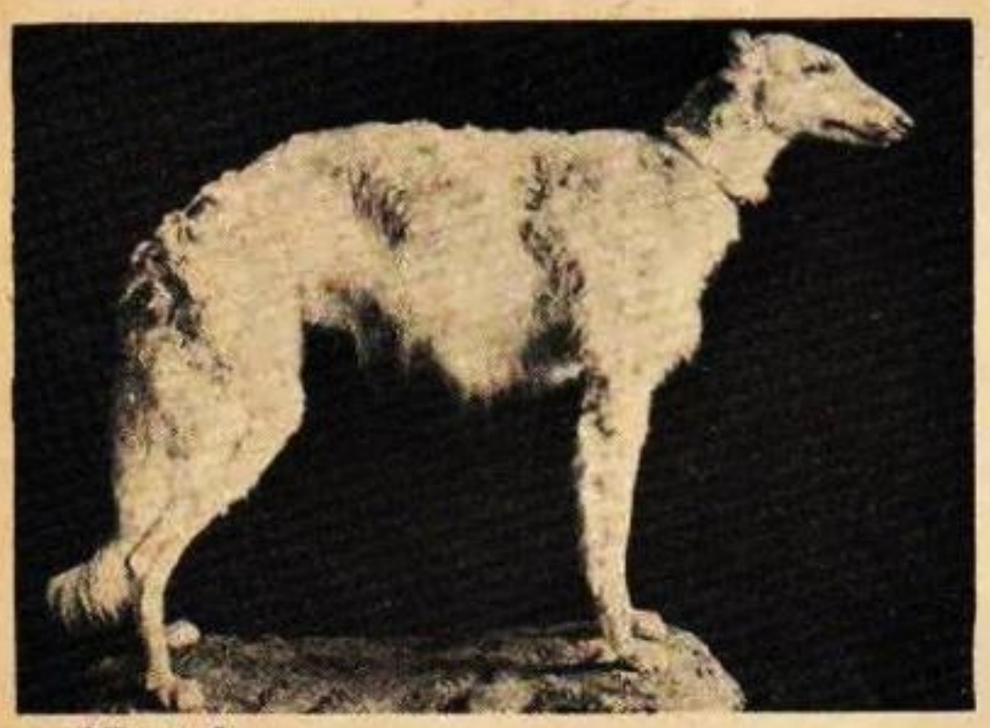

wolfhound

The dog tribe is, in one peculiar way, the strangest family of animals on earth. Most scientists agree that the ancestor of all dogs was the wolf or, at least, a wolf-like animal. From these are descended all the foxes, coyotes, poodles, Pekingese and police dogs in the world. Domestic or tame dogs have been changed by man's constant selection of breeds that are useful for some purpose or other; wild animals are changed by the demands of nature.

The closest tame relative to the wolf is the Alaskan huskie who even resembles the wolf.

Man has even gone so far as to breed tame dogs to fight wild ones. The collie, the English sheep dog and the Russian wolfhound were all bred to fight the wolf—their original ancestor.

Besides this, dog trainers have so changed dogs by breeding that they produce animals very far from the original. The strangest example of this is the pygmy dog down on this page who is only five inches high when full grown.

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Alaskan huskie

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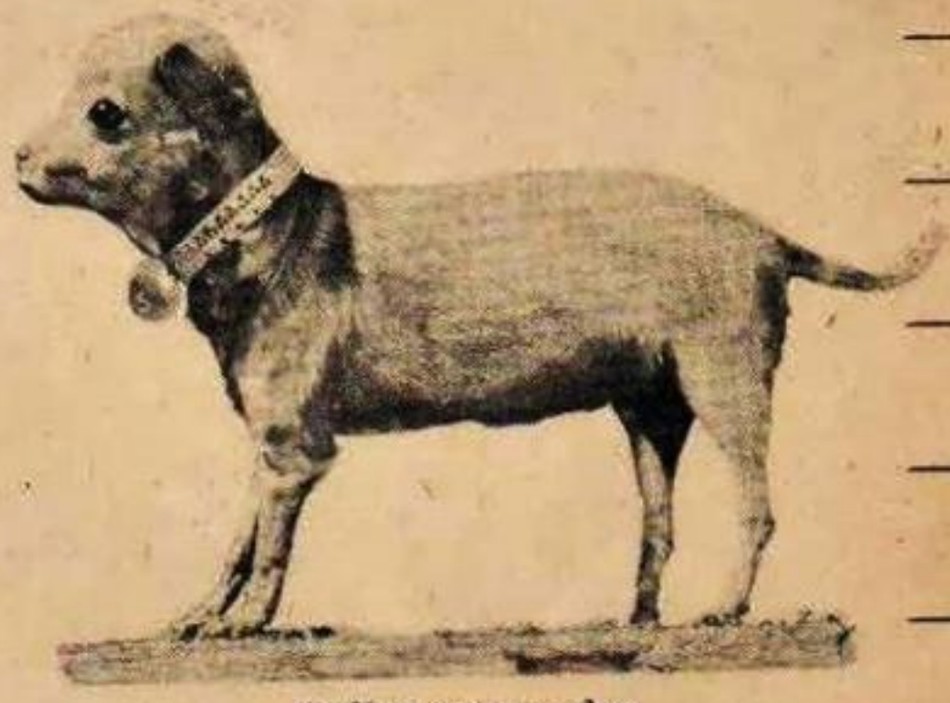

Indian pygmy dog

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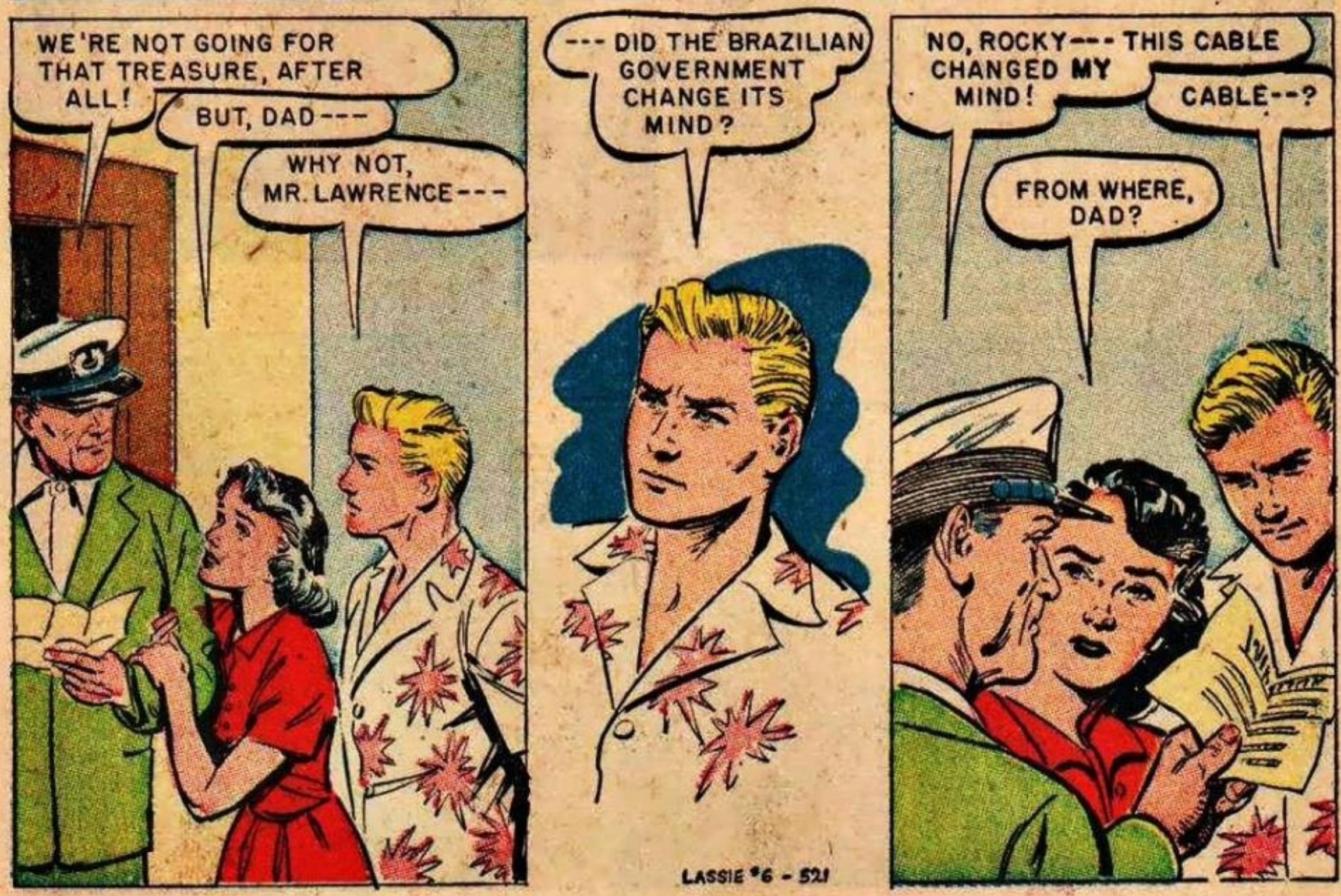
GERRY AND ROCKY ARE ALL SET TO JOIN MR. LAWRENCE ON THE AMAZON TREASURE HUNT... BUT IT SEEMS AS THOUGH MR. LAWRENCE IS GOING TO HAVE TO CHANGE HIS PLANS...


WE'RE NOT GOING FOR THAT TREASURE, AFTER ALL!
BUT, DAD---
WHY NOT, MR. LAWRENCE---
--- DID THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT CHANGE ITS MIND?
NO, ROCKY--- THIS CABLE CHANGED MY MIND!
CABLE--?
FROM WHERE, DAD?

FROM ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA---

FROM THE UNITED STATES!

SOMETHING WRONG, SIR?

ALFRED PIERCE--- AN OLD FRIEND OF MINE PASSED AWAY. HE'S BEEN ILL FOR YEARS!

GEE, DAD, I'M SORRY---

YEAH-- TOO BAD, MR. LAWRENCE!

I WAS APPOINTED EXECUTOR OF HIS ESTATE, AND---WELL, SINCE HE WANTED **ME** TO HANDLE IT, I'M GOING TO!

YOU MEAN YOU'RE GOING TO ST. PETERSBURG?.

ALONE..?

UNLESS--- YOU WANT TO COME ALONG.

OH, WE **DO**, DON'T WE, ROCKY?

SURE WE DO, DON'T WE, LASSIE?

WOOF!

WELL, THEN, **STAY PACKED**, BECAUSE AS SOON AS I TURN THESE PAPERS BACK TO THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT, AND GET PLANE RESERVATIONS, WE'RE LEAVING!

WILL THEY SEND ANY-ONE ELSE FOR THE TREASURE?

I DON'T KNOW! I COULDN'T BLAME THEM IF THEY DIDN'T WANT TO WAIT UNTIL WE GET BACK!

---AND IF NECESSARY, SENHOR LAWRENCE, WE'LL WAIT A YEAR--- OR EVEN MORE FOR YOUR RETURN!

THANK YOU, SIR! GERRY AND ROCKY--- THAT IS, MY DAUGHTER AND HER FRIEND, WILL BE GLAD TO HEAR THAT!

AT THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICE...

MEANWHILE...

ROCKY, MAYBE WE COULD TAKE A GUIDE--- SOMEONE WHO KNOWS THE AMAZON BASIN WELL AND---

--- AND GO HUNTING FOR THAT TREASURE OURSELVES?

WHY NOT?

FIRST, LET'S SEE HOW YOUR FATHER MADE OUT!

SHORTLY...

I'VE GOT THE PLANE RESERVATIONS! WE LEAVE FOR FLORIDA TONIGHT. AND IF YOU TWO HAD ANY IDEAS OF GOING FOR THAT TREASURE WITHOUT ME, FORGET IT! WE'LL ALL GO TOGETHER WHEN WE RETURN FROM THE STATES!

?

AND SO... ABOARD A PAN-AMERICAN CLIPPER, OUR FRIENDS FIND THEMSELVES HEADING FOR FLORIDA... THE TROPICAL PLAYGROUND...

THE FOLLOWING MORNING... MIAMI, FLORIDA...

DAD! ROCKY! LOOK--- LASSIE IS OFF THE PLANE ALREADY!

WOOF! WOOF!

YEAH, GERRY! NATURALLY THEY'D TAKE OUR **OLD GIRL** OFF WITH THE REST OF THE LUGGAGE!

HEY! YOU CAN'T TALK THAT WAY ABOUT THE DOG I LOVE!

YOU MEAN ABOUT THE DOG WE **ALL** LOVE! HI-YA, LASSIE, OLD GIRL!

THERE YOU GO CALLING HER **OLD** AGAIN!

OKAY! COME ALONG, LITTLE DOGGIE!

OH, THAT'S ALL RIGHT--- SHE'S OURS!

YEAH! BUT ANIMALS HAVE TO BE QUARANTINED--- GOT TO MAKE SURE SHE'S NOT CARRYING ANY FOREIGN FLEAS!

QUARANTINED?

FOR HOW LONG?

THAT'S SOMETHING WE HADN'T FIGURED ON!

HERE, GERRY, YOU AND ROCKY CLAIM OUR LUGGAGE I'LL CHECK ON LASSIE!

ALL RIGHT, DAD!

PRESENTLY...

LOOKS LIKE LASSIE'S GOING TO BE DETAINED HERE IN MIAMI FOR FORTY-EIGHT HOURS.

TWO DAYS?

BUT, GOSH, MR. LAWRENCE, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE IN ST. PETERSBURG BY TONIGHT!

HOUSE PHONES

I KNOW---

TELE PHONES

YOU CAN GO, DAD--BUT I'M STAYING HERE WITH LASSIE!

IF GERRY STAYS, I GUESS I'D BETTER STAY, TOO!

HOUSE PHONES

TELL YOU WHAT--- FRIENDS OF MINE HAVE A HOME IN CORAL GABLES, NOT FAR FROM HERE. I'LL ARRANGE FOR BOTH OF YOU TO STAY THERE FOR THE TWO DAYS.

SWELL, DAD!

AND YOU, SIR?

I'LL TAKE THE TRAIN TO ST. PETERSBURG. YOU TWO CAN MEET ME THERE!

LEPHONES

YOU MEAN WE THREE!

THAT'S RIGHT! GERRY AND ME AND LASSIE MAKES THREE!

ROCKY, LET'S HAVE SOME FUN-- WHERE'S A HOUSE PHONE?

THERE'S ONE OVER THERE, GERRY!

HE'S COMING OUT OF THE PHONE BOOTH NOW, GERRY!

WILL YOU PLEASE PAGE MR. LAWRENCE!

PAGING MR. THOMAS LAWRENCE--

DOES HE SEE US?

NO-- HE'S TOO BUSY BEING SURPRISED.

HE'S PICKING UP A PHONE, GERRY. NOW, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

DISGUISE MY VOICE BY PLACING MY HANDKERCHIEF OVER THE MOUTHPIECE--

HELLO, MR. LAWRENCE--?

YES! THIS IS HE--

I'M JUST PHONING TO TELL YOU THAT I HOPE YOU HAVE A PLEASANT TRIP TO ST. PETERSBURG!

LASSIE! WHO DO YOU THINK?

THANK YOU-- BUT WHO IS THIS?

LAS--? WHY---

HO-HO! OH, DAD--- IF YOU COULD'VE SEEN YOUR EXPRESSION---

GO ON--- I KNEW IT COULDN'T BE LASSIE--- SHE'S IN QUARANTINE!

TOUCHE', MR. LAWRENCE!

HERE'S THE ADDRESS! THE NAME OF THE COUPLE WITH WHOM YOU'RE STAYING IS ALEXANDER--- BOB AND JOYCE--- SWELL PEOPLE!

THANKS, DAD!

TAXI

AND DON'T PLAY ANY OF YOUR TRICKS ON THEM--- AND TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER!

ALL RIGHT, DAD! SEE YOU IN A COUPLE OF DAYS!

SO LONG, SIR!

THAT NIGHT... ON THE ALEXANDER'S TERRACE...

---AND WHEN THE MUTINEERS TRIED TO ATTACK US AT OUR SHIPWRECK CAMP, LASSIE WARNED US OF THEIR APPROACH AND IN SO DOING, SAVED OUR LIVES---

INCREDIBLE!

BUT, ROCKY---

---YOU DIDN'T TELL THE FOLKS HOW YOU RISKED YOUR LIFE TO SAVE LASSIE'S.

OH, THAT---

TELL US ABOUT IT, ROCKY!

NO! I DID ENOUGH TALKING FOR ONE NIGHT. BESIDES, I PROMISED GERRY I'D TAKE HER TO THE INDIAN VILLAGE TOMORROW MORNING.

AND YOU'RE BOTH PROBABLY DEAD TIRED.

COME ON--- I'LL SHOW YOU TO YOUR ROOMS!

GOOD NIGHT, MR. ALEXANDER!

'NIGHT, ROCKY! 'NIGHT, GERRY! AND--- OH, GERRY, WE'LL MAKE ROCKY TELL US ABOUT THAT TOMORROW AT BREAKFAST!

IF HE DOESN'T, I WILL!

NEXT MORNING... THE INDIAN VILLAGE...

ROCKY, I'M GOING TO WATCH A MAN WRESTLE AN ALLIGATOR!

GO AHEAD, GERRY! I'LL BE RIGHT ALONG!

OH--- I WISH ROCKY WOULD HURRY--- THIS IS EXCITING!

I BEG YOUR PARDON, MISS--- BUT CAN YOU TELL ME WHO'S WINNING?

HUH--? OH---!

HEH-HEH!

ROCKY! YOU CAD! I'VE GOT HALF A MIND TO THROW YOU TO THE ALLIGATORS!

LATER---AT THE VENETIAN POOL...

LAST ONE IN IS A ROTTEN EGG!

ROCKY--- AT AN EXCLUSIVE PLACE LIKE THIS, YOU COULDN'T **FIND A ROTTEN EGG!**

OKAY, GERRY---

I KNOW WE'RE HAVING FUN, ROCKY--- BUT I CAN'T HELP WISHING IT WERE TOMORROW---

YEAH! I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN, GERRY. LASSIE WOULD'VE SERVED HER TIME!

--- THEN THE LAST ONE **OUT** IS **A PHEASANT UNDER GLASS!**

NEXT MORNING...

IT'S OKAY, GERRY. WE CAN PICK UP LASSIE **NOW**!

WONDERFUL!

WE'LL GIVE YOU A LIFT--

THANKS, ANYWAY-- BUT I PHONED FOR A RENTAL CAR. WE'RE **DRIVING** TO ST. PETERSBURG.

IT WAS FATHER'S IDEA. HE SUGGESTED IT WHEN HE PHONED LAST NIGHT. WE'RE NOT TAKING ANY MORE CHANCES WITH LASSIE!

THAT MEANS YOU'LL BE BACK--

--- SO SEE TO IT THAT TOM LAWRENCE STOPS OFF HERE WITH YOU WHEN YOU RETURN!

I PROMISE!

I HEAR A HORN--- THAT MUST BE YOUR RENTAL!

JUST SIGN HERE---

OH--- A **CONVERTIBLE**... AND **RED**--- LASSIE'S FAVORITE COLOR!

PLEASANT TRIP!

DROP US A POST CARD!

THANK YOU--- AND THANKS FOR EVERYTHING!

'BYE!

FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER...

LASSIE!

COME ON, OLD GIRL!

YARK! yow- OW!

ROCKY, LOOK!

OH, BOY! A GOOD OLD AMERICAN HOT DOG STAND!

GROCERIE

REFRESHMENTS - HOT DOGS - SODA

WE'LL HAVE A COUPLE OF HOT DOGS--- AND DO YOU HAVE A CAN OF DOG FOOD ON THE PREMISES?

WE SURE DO---

WOOF!

ROCKY, LET'S SEND THE ALEXANDERS A POST CARD--- THANKING THEM AGAIN!

OKAY!

DO YOU SELL STAMPS, PLEASE?

SURE---AND THERE'S A MAILBOX RIGHT OVER THERE!

HERE, LASSIE---MAIL THIS FOR ME, AND I'LL BUY YOU ANOTHER CAN OF DOG FOOD!

?

DOES SHE KNOW HOW TO OPEN IT?

SHE'LL FIGURE IT OUT.

HOT DOGS - SO

THAT'S THE IDEA, LASSIE!

AMAZING!

NOW ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS TEACH HER TO LICK STAMPS!

GOOD GIRL, LASSIE!

WELL, SO LONG!

'BYE!

COME ON, LASSIE!

AREN'T YOU FORGETTING SOMETHING?

ARF!

DIDN'T YOU PROMISE HER ANOTHER CAN OF DOG FOOD FOR MAILING YOUR POST CARD?

IT WOULD'VE BEEN CHEAPER IF I'D MAILED IT MYSELF!

ROCKY, WHERE'S MY SCARF?

IN THE GLOVE COMPARTMENT, GERRY. WHY, ARE YOU COLD?

NO, SILLY---

---THE HAT LET'S MY HAIR BLOW TOO MUCH!

BUT YOU HAVE SUCH BEAUTIFUL HAIR--

AND I WANT IT TO LOOK BEAUTIFUL WHEN WE ARRIVE IN ST. PETERS-BURG THIS AFTER-NOON!

ALL YOU WOMEN ARE SO VAIN---

---EXCEPT YOU, LASSIE!

DROP IN AGAIN!

WE WILL! ON OUR WAY BACK!

LASSIE LOVES THE WIND BLOWING IN HER FACE!

YEAH--- AND SHE DOESN'T MIND IT BLOWING HER HAIR, EITHER!

MIAMI

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OH, ALL RIGHT--- I'LL BE THE OUTDOOR TYPE IF IT PLEASES YOU.

IT PLEASES ME!

LOOK, ROCKY---THOSE MEN ARE PUTTING A DETOUR SIGN ON THE ROAD!

GUESS THEY STARTED SOME CONSTRUCTION UP AHEAD!

DETOUR

E-EASY, ROCKY! THIS R-ROAD IS AWFUL!

GOSH--YOU'D THINK THEY'D DETOUR US ONTO A BETTER ROAD THAN THIS!

DETOUR

OKAY, FELLAS, DITCH THE SIGN AND LET'S GET GOIN'!

DETOUR

ROCKY--- THERE'S A CAR BEHIND US AND I THINK HE WANTS TO PASS US.

WELL, IT'S A CINCH THAT HE CAN'T ON **THIS** ROAD!

HONK! HONK!

HE **IS** TRYING TO PASS US, ROCKY---

WELL, I'LL BE-- I'D BETTER TRY TO PULL OVER--- HE'S GOT THE WEIGHT ON US!

ROCKY---- CAREFUL---

BUMP!

SCREECH!

HEY! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

SAY, SLIM--- DID THE BOSS SAY ANYTHING ABOUT A DOG?

GUESS HE FORGOT TO.

GRR-R-R!

ALL RIGHT--- NOW, IF YA DON'T WANT NOTHING TO HAPPEN TO THAT DOG, OR TO YOU --- YOU'LL SHUT 'ER UP--- AND DO WHATEVER YOU'RE TOLD!

EASY, LASSIE!

SAVE THE SPEECHES, FUZZY-- AND GET 'EM INTO OUR CAR!

DO YOU MIND TELLING US WHAT THIS ALL ABOUT?

DON'T WORRY, SISTER! NO ONE IS GONNA GET HURT IF WE AIN'T GIVEN NO TROUBLE!

LOCK THE GAL UP IN THE HOUSE --- AND PUT HIM IN THE BARN!

WHAT ABOUT THE DOG, LUKE?

DON'T BOTHER ABOUT THE DOG--- UNLESS IT BOTHERS US! IF IT DOES, WE'LL SEE TO IT THAT IT DOESN'T AGAIN!

IT'S ALL RIGHT, LASSIE---DON'T MAKE ANY TROUBLE, GIRL!

I'M WORRIED, LUKE---

WHAT FOR? EVERYTHING WENT AS SMOOTH AS GLASS, DIDN'T IT?

CLICK!

I KNOW--- BUT ARE YA SURE THEY'RE THE RIGHT ONES?

SURE, I'M SURE! BEAUTIFUL BRUNETTE--- RED CONVERTIBLE---

---AND WHAT ABOUT THE GUY?

HE DIDN'T PUT UP A FIGHT, DID HE? SO HE'S A **COWARD** --- JUST LIKE THE BOSS SAID. I TELL YA, QUIT WORRYING--- WE GOT THE RIGHT PAIR!

THROUGH THE THIN WALLS OF THE BARN, ROCKY LISTENS ATTENTIVELY . . .

THEY'VE GOT THE **WRONG** PAIR! THE ONLY REASON I **DIDN'T** PUT UP A FIGHT WAS THAT I WAS AFRAID GERRY MIGHT'VE GOTTEN HURT---

---BUT IF I COULD PROVE TO THEM THAT I'M **NOT** A COWARD---

MEANWHILE...

NOW, LISTEN, MEN---HERE'S THE PROGRAM THE BOSS LAID OUT FOR US---

---TOMORROW MORNIN', FUZZY, YOU TAKE THE COWARD OUT OF THE BARN FOR SOME EXERCISE--- IN OTHER WORDS, GIVE HIM A GOING-OVER!

THAT'S A CINCH, LUKE!

SLIM, YOUR JOB IS TO SEE TO IT THAT THE GIRL WATCHES THE SHOW--- MAKE SURE SHE'S LOOKIN' WHEN FUZZY MAKES THE COWARD SQUIRM.

YA GIVE ME THE **TOUGH** JOB WHILE FUZZY HAS ALL THE FUN!

YOU'LL GET A CRACK AT THE GUY, TOO! THE BOSS WANTS THE GAL TO SEE HOW REALLY YELLOW HE IS, SO SHE'LL GIVE HIM UP!

OH, I SEE--- THEN THE BOSS'LL STEP IN! PRETTY SMART!

THAT NIGHT...

LASSIE!

MMM-MMM!

HELLO, LASSIE, GIRL--- IS ROCKY ALL RIGHT?

HERE, GIRL--- FIND ROCKY AND GIVE HIM THIS--- BUT BE QUIET!

SCRATCH! SCRATCH!

SCRATCH!

LASSIE---

LASSIE, GO AROUND TO THE SIDE! THE WINDOW--- THE WINDOW, LASSIE!

GOOD GIRL, LASSIE, WHAT'VE YOU GOT?

GERRY'S SCARF!

WHAT CAN I SEND BACK TO LET HER KNOW THAT I'M ALL RIGHT---

OH---OF COURSE! THIS PLASTIC ALLIGATOR MASK!

HERE, LASSIE--- TAKE IT TO GERRY!

?

THAT'S OKAY, GIRL, IT'S ONLY A MASK---

?

WHAT HAVE YOU GOT THERE, LASSIE?

NOW I KNOW ROCKY'S ALL RIGHT!

MEANWHILE, IN ST. PETERSBURG...

ARE YOU POSITIVE NO ONE ASKED FOR ME WHILE I WAS OUT?

QUITE POSITIVE, MR. LAWRENCE!

LOOK IN MY BOX AGAIN---THERE MUST BE A TELEGRAM, OR A TELEPHONE MESSAGE FROM MY DAUGHTER!

SORRY, SIR! NOT A THING!

PLEASE HAVE THE OPERATOR GET ME ROBERT ALEXANDER OF CORAL GABLES. ON THE PHONE! I'LL TAKE IT IN MY ROOM!

YES, SIR!

MOMENTS LATER...

---AND YOU SAY THEY LEFT THIS MORNING?

YES, TOM--- BUT MAYBE THEY HAD A FLAT OR SOMETHING--- I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT THOSE KIDS---

GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT, BOB--- WELL, MY BEST TO JOYCE---

SURE---IT'S NOT UNLIKELY THAT THEY HAD SOME CAR TROUBLE---

---BUT IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THEY WOULDN'T PHONE---OR WIRE!

OPERATOR! GET ME POLICE HEADQUARTERS, PLEASE!

NEXT MORNING...

COME ON OUT, YA COWARD!

PUT THAT GUN AWAY AND SAY THAT-- I DARE YOU TO!

HI, GERRY!

ROCKY!

C'MON, FUZZY--- SOME ACTION!

ALL RIGHT, I'M PUTTIN' AWAY MY GUN--- WHAT ARE YA GOIN' TO DO ABOUT IT?

OOF!

FIRST, THIS---

WHAP

---THEN THIS---

POW!

---AND NOW YOU!

SLIM! SLIM! UGH!

WHAM

GIT UP--- OR I'LL SHOOT YOU-- THEN THE DAME!

ROCKY! DO WHAT HE SAYS!

ALL RIGHT, SONNY--- GET BACK INTO THAT BARN!

SURE, MISTER---

OW!

NICE GOING, LASSIE!

I WOULDN'T DO THAT IF I WUZ YOU---

OWW!

---AN' I'LL GIVE YA THREE TO CALL OFF THAT DOG--- OR I'LL SHOOT 'ER! ONE--- TWO---

DOWN, GIRL, DOWN!

KNOWING THAT FUZZY INTENDS TO SHOOT LASSIE. AN EASY TARGET... ROCKY MAKES A LUNGE FOR THE GUN ON THE GROUND... TO DRAW THE FIRE AT HIMSELF, INSTEAD...

THR--- NO YA DON'T!

ROCKY!

BANG!

IT'S ALL RIGHT, GERRY! THE BULLET ONLY GRAZED MY HAND!

NOW GIT INTO THAT BARN WITH THE DOG!

GRR-RR!

AN' IF I SEE THAT DOG AGAIN, SO HELP ME, I'LL KILL 'ER!

INSIDE, YOU!

AFTER LOCKING ROCKY AND LASSIE IN THE BARN, AND GERRY IN THE HOUSE, FUZZY AND SLIM BRING LUKE TO---

WH-WHAT HIT ME?

THE COWARD'S FIST!

ONLY HE AIN'T NO COWARD!

THE BOSS IS NUTS IF HE THINKS THAT KID IS A COWARD! HE RISKED HIS NECK TO SAVE THE DOG'S.

THE GIRL SAW THAT---

SURE--- SHE WAS STANDIN' RIGHT THERE!

OH, GREAT... AND WE WERE SUPPOSED TO MAKE HIM LOOK LIKE A COWARD IN FRONT OF HER. THE BOSS WILL HAVE OUR HEADS!

THE BOSS SHOULD HAVE **HIS HEAD EXAMINED**- SAYING THAT BOY IS YELLER!

HE AIN'T GOT A YELLER STREAK IN HIM!

WELL, KEEP **HIM** LOCKED UP--- AND KEEP THE GAL HAPPY. THE BOSS WANTS US TO TREAT HER WITH KID GLOVES!

WE SHOULD **PUT** KID GLOVES **ON** HER---

---SHE PRACTICALLY TORE ME APART THIS MORNING WHEN I YANKED HER OUTSIDE TO WATCH THE SHOW!

LASSIE, GIRL---WE'VE GOT TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO GET WORD TO MR. LAWRENCE. HE MUST BE FRANTIC WITH WORRY.

WOOF!

NO--- YOU COULDN'T GET TO ST. PETERSBURG ON FOOT--- BESIDES, IT WOULD TAKE TOO LONG.

IF I COULD ONLY GET A MESSAGE TO HIM! A LETTER--- OR A POST CARD!

THAT'S IT, LASSIE! I'LL WRITE HIM A POST CARD, AND YOU'LL MAIL IT!

A PIECE OF STRAW SHOULD DO VERY WELL FOR A PEN---

USING AS INK SOME BLOOD FROM HIS SUPERFICIAL WOUND, ROCKY WRITES A NOTE ON THE BACK OF A POCKET PHOTO OF GERRY. . .

I KNOW I DON'T HAVE A STAMP, BUT---

WOOF!

---I'M SURE MR. LAWRENCE WON'T MIND PAYING THE POSTAGE DUE---

DEAR MR. LAWRENCE— WE'RE HELD CAPTIVE 6 MILES NORTH OF MIAMI. TAKE DIRT ROAD ON LEFT AS YOU HEAD SOUTH. LOOK FOR DESERTED FARMHOUSE. ROCKY

MR. T. LAWRENCE PONCE DE LEON HOTEL ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

NOW, LASSIE--- IT'S UP TO YOU--- GO BACK TO THAT HOT DOG STAND AND MAIL THIS--- UNDERSTAND? MAIL THIS CARD LIKE YOU MAILED THE OTHER ONE!

WOOF!

AND BE CAREFUL, GIRL! DON'T LET THOSE THUGS TAKE THAT AWAY FROM YOU!

WHERE'S THAT DOG GOIN'?

I HOPE SHE GETS LOST!

WHAT'S THAT IN HER MOUTH?

A NOTE, MAYBE---

WHERE COULD SHE BE TAKING IT?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT I AIM TO STOP HER--

--- AND YOUR AIM IS GOOD, LUKE!

BANG!

LASSIE WATCHES LUKE PUT AWAY HIS GUN...

NOW, WE'LL SEE WHAT THAT NOTE SAYS---

WELL, I'LL BE--

SHE SEES HER CHANCE AND MAKES FOR THE UNDER-BRUSH...

SHE WAS PLAYIN' 'POS-SUM!

THE DOG OUTSMARTED YA, LUKE! SAVE THOSE BULLETS!

YEAH--- NO NEED TO MAKE A RACKET FOR NOTHIN'.

BANG! BANG! BANG!

I'M GOIN' AFTER THAT DOG! AND WHILE I'M IN TOWN, I'LL GIVE THE BOSS A RING.

OUT ON THE HIGHWAY, LASSIE GETS HER BEARING...

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---ANDS HEADS SOUTH--- THE DIRECTION FROM WHENCE THEY CAME...

THERE SHE GOES!

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BUT I DON'T DARE SHOOT AT HER NOW! I'LL WAIT UNTIL THESE CARS PASS---

NOW'S MY CHANCE! NOT A SOUL IN SIGHT---

OH-OH--- A HOT DOG STAND---

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SHE-SHE'S MAILING THAT NOTE!

I'D BETTER PHONE THE BOSS, RIGHT NOW!

JUST WANT TO USE YOUR PHONE!

GO RIGHT AHEAD!

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HELLO--? THIS IS LENNY SPEAKING!

PUT THE BOSS ON THE PHONE--- THIS IS LUKE!

HE'S BUSY NOW, LUKE! IF IT'S A BET YOU WANT TO MAKE, I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT FOR YOU.

YEAH--- I WANT TO MAKE A BET--- I'LL BET THAT IF YOU TELL THE BOSS I'M ON THE PHONE, HE'LL FIND TIME TO TALK TO ME!

LUKE---

LUKE? HERE---LET ME HAVE IT!

HOW DID IT GO, LUKE? DID YOU PICK EVERYTHING UP ALL RIGHT?

YEAH, BOSS, BUT YOU GOT MORE THAN YOU BARGAINED FOR--- THEY HAD A DOG WITH THEM, TOO!

WHO CARES ABOUT A DOG? WHAT ABOUT HER? IS SHE NOW CONVINCED THAT HE'S A WEAK CHARACTER AND A COWARD? AND IS SHE GLAD YOU STOPPED THE ELOPEMENT?

THAT'S JUST IT, BOSS--- WHO TOLD YOU THIS GUY'S A COWARD? HE GAVE ME AND FUZZY A GOING-OVER!

SURE---SURE---WE GOT THE RIGHT PARTY--- AND I CAN TELL YOU IT'S NO PICNIC!

GO ON! HE'S AS YELLOW AS THEY COME! ARE YOU SURE YOU PICKED UP THE RIGHT PARTY?

SHORTLY...

THE DOG CAME BACK AND CLIMBED INTO THE BARN THROUGH THAT WINDOW!

WHAT'LL WE DO NOW, LUKE!

NOTHING, UNTIL THE BOSS GETS HERE---

---HE'LL BE HERE TOMORROW MORNING TO **RESCUE** THE GIRL.

OH! HERO STUFF, EH?

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE BOY?

THE BOSS SAYS THE GUY MUST'VE BEEN CRAZY WITH FEAR---THAT'S WHY HE PUT UP A FIGHT! IT'S PSYCHOLOGICAL, OR SOMETHING! ANYWAY, THE BOSS SAYS HE CAN HANDLE HIM.

I HOPE SO---'CAUSE IF THAT KID GOES TO THE COPS, WE COULD BE PICKED UP FOR KIDNAPPING!

THE KID'S GOT A RECORD! THE BOSS SAYS HE'LL RUN LIKE A SCARED RABBIT WHEN WE TURN HIM LOOSE.

WELL, SUPPOSE WE TURN HIM LOOSE **AFTER** THE BOSS GETS HERE---

YEAH--- MY JAW STILL HURTS!

NEXT MORNING, IN ST. PETERSBURG ...

---AND THERE HASN'T BEEN ONE ACCIDENT REPORTED INVOLVING PERSONS FITTING THEIR DESCRIPTIONS, MR. LAWRENCE!

THANK YOU, CAPTAIN!

IF THERE'S ANYTHING ELSE---

EXCUSE ME, CAPTAIN---

COME IN!

KNOCK! KNOCK!

MR. LAWRENCE--- THIS ARRIVED FOR YOU! THE MANAGER THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE IMPORTANT, SINCE---

THAT'S MY DAUGHTER'S PICTURE--

CAPTAIN, THERE IS SOMETHING YOU CAN DO---

MEANWHILE...

HONK! HONK!

HERE COMES THE BOSS!

YES, LASSIE, A CAR JUST DROVE UP!

WOOF!

THE BOY IS IN THE BARN--- AND THE GIRL IS IN THE HOUSE--

GET HER OUT HERE! I WANT HER TO SEE HOW I HANDLE THIS YELLOW PUNK---AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD YOU GUYS INTERFERE! I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM, MY WAY-- ALONE!

ALL RIGHT, YOU--- COME ON OUT HERE! YOU'VE GOT COMPANY--- THE BOSS WANTS TO SEE YA!

EASY, LASSIE! LET ME! GO FIRST--

GRRR-

SO YOU'RE THE BOSS-MAN?

Y-YOU'RE NOT FLIP GARSON---

SHE'S A PEACH TO ME!

AND SHE'S NOT PEACHIE, EITHER!

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HO-HO-HO! YOU SAPS--- YOU PICKED UP THE WRONG COUPLE---

WE DID, BOSS?

--- BUT WHAT AM I LAUGHING ABOUT---?

FLIP GARSON GOT AWAY WITH MY GIRL!

GEE!

HEY, MISTER! FLIP GARSON MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN AWAY---

HUH?

--- BUT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET AWAY SO EASILY!

UGH!

SOCK!

COME BACK HERE! I'M NOT THROUGH WITH YOU!

SLIM, DON'T JUST STAND THERE-- DO SOMETHING!

BUT, BOSS--- I STINCTLY HEARD YOU TELL US NOT TO INTERFERE!

THE FIRST ONE WAS FROM GERRY--- THIS ONE IS FROM ME!

WHAP!

OH, YOU WANT ME TO GIVE HIM ONE FROM YOU, TOO, LASSIE?

YHARP!

SLIM--- FUZZY---

THERE'S REGARDS FROM LASSIE!

LUKE, DIDN'T YOU HEAR THE BOSS SAY HE COULD HANDLE THE COWARD?

THAT'S WHAT HE SAID, SLIM--

GERRY! ROCKY!

ALL RIGHT, YOU GUYS--- REACH!

WOOF!

MR. LAWRENCE!

DAD!

IT'S ALL A MISTAKE! YOU SEE, WE WERE ONLY TRYING TO PLAY A PRACTICAL JOKE ON THIS FRIEND OF MINE, AND---

WITH **REAL** BULLETS? SOME JOKE!

WELL---HE **ISN'T** EXACTLY A FRIEND, OFFICER, YOU MUST'VE HEARD OF HIM--- FLIP GARSON! HE'S A TWO-BIT GAMBLER, AND---

OH, SURE--- I'VE HEARD OF **YOU, TOO,** BOSS MASON---

---YOU'RE A **FOUR-BIT** GAMBLER! ONLY WE COULDN'T PIN ANYTHING ON YOU UP TO NOW!

ROCKY PINNED A FEW **BEAUTS** ON HIM---RIGHT ON THE JAW!

I'LL BET YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT US, MR. LAWRENCE---

WELL---!

WHEN THERE WAS NO WORD FROM YOU, I THOUGHT YOU TWO HAD DECIDED TO ELOPE---

THAT'S FUNNY- BOSS MASON'S MEN TOOK US FOR A COUPLE WHO WERE ELOPING!

DO WE LOOK LIKE THE ELOPING TYPE, DAD?

PROMISE ME ONE THING---IF SOMEDAY YOU KIDS DECIDE TO ELOPE, BE SURE TO LET ME KNOW, SO I CAN HIRE BOSS MASON'S MEN TO PREVENT IT!

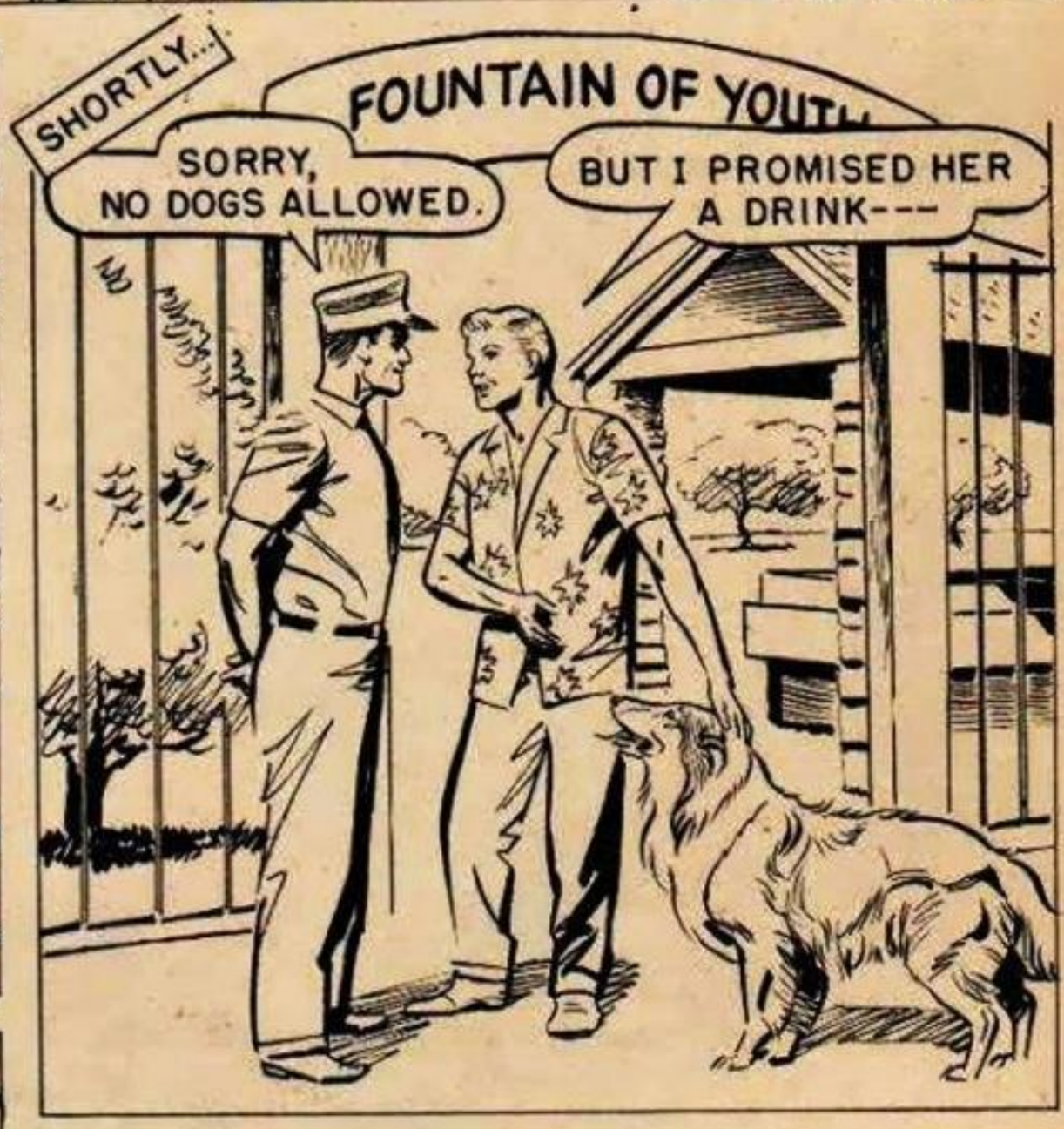
IF THEY'RE OUT OF JAIL BY THEN!

DON'T WORRY, DAD, YOU'LL BE AT OUR WEDDING!

Lassie, famous METRO-GOLDWYN-MAYER star.

M.G.M.'S LASSIE and the fountain of youth

SAY, GERRY! DO YOU REALIZE WE'VE BEEN IN ST. PETERSBURG ONE HOUR ALREADY AND YET HAVEN'T HAD A DRINK FROM THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH?
I'M SURE THERE'LL BE PLENTY TO DRINK AFTER MY HAIR DRIES.



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HERE, LASSIE, OLD GIRL--- DRINK AND BE YOUNG AGAIN!

I HAVE A YOUNG COLLIE--- LOOKS JUST LIKE HER.

YOU DO? SAY---

PRESENTLY...

GERRY!

OH, ARE YOU AND LASSIE BACK FROM DRINKING AT THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH?

YEAH! BUT I'M AFRAID LASSIE DRANK TOO MUCH--- SHE'S BECOME A PUPPY AGAIN---

OH?

HER TAIL SEEMS TO HAVE STAYED THE SAME!

I LOVE YOU JUST AS YOU ARE, LASSIE!

AND I'D BETTER RETURN THIS PUPPY BEFORE LASSIE GETS JEALOUS!